

Most perfin patterns are relatively simple so that makers mistakes no doubt stand out and are corrected before the die is sold to the user.

There must be very few dies in our Perfin collections which were passed by their makers as satisfactory, were accepted by the user yet display an obvious error. I have noticed just the one in my collection and the article by Barry Pawson in the June, 1984 Bulletin gives me the opportunity to bring this as a third Type of the Bank of New Zealand perfin, to your attention.

Type III has the stops raised two hole levels to a central position, the letters 'B' and 'N' match those of Type I, but a new 'Z' was needed, and the workman got two of its nine pins in wrong positions, giving a reversed letter.

What a lovely exhibition item has come from the Bank of New Zealand! I wonder how long the error was in use before being noticed and withdrawn? So the hunt is on, and please report your findings. My copy is the 10 shilling, SG 183, postmarked LONDON/B (?)/ AP 25 / 95 (or possibly 90 or 96) / X, in 28 mm circle.



Type III

In addition to the stamps mention in the above article, I can add for Type I the 2/6, SG 179. It has an unclear year, but that of my 10d is '92. For the Type II my 10d, dated FE 14 96 is of the bright scarlet shade, SG 210a, and I can add the 1d lilac of 14 NO 95, 2/6 and 5/-, SG 179 and 181, KE VII 2½d, SG 231, KG V ½d SG 351, and 2/6, SG 415a and the KG VI 2d, SG 465.